

House Resolution No. 34

Whereas, the Honorable Gary L. Burton proudly distinguished himself through achievement as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives for fourteen productive years and recently retired from office as State Representative of the 128th District; and

Whereas, Representative Burton gave tirelessly of himself in service to the citizens of Jasper County who had placed their trust and confidence in him by electing him to seven consecutive terms; and

Whereas, during his illustrious tenure as a state legislator, Representative Burton ably assisted his colleagues in the Missouri House of Representatives in carrying out a far-ranging vision for the state through his diligent work on such important standing committees as Insurance; Appropriations-Education; Utilities Regulation; and Budget; as well as on the Joint Interim Committee on Telecommunications and Energy; and

Whereas, since assuming responsibility with this legislative body in 1989, Gary Burton put forth tremendous effort to acquire a considerable degree of experience and expertise as a State Representative, an achievement which will surely be a challenge to match by his worthy successor, the Honorable Bryan P. Stevenson; and

Whereas, born on August 26, 1945, in Knoxville, Iowa, Gary Burton graduated from Knoxville High School and pursued his higher education at Eastern New Mexico University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1968; and

Whereas, down through the years, Representative Burton has developed a considerable reputation as part-owner of M&B of Southwest Missouri, owner of B&B Organics, an independent life and health insurance agent, and leader with such diverse organizations as the Missouri State Special Olympics, Joplin Workshop, McKinley School PTO, a national telecommunications task force, Southwest Missouri Life Underwriters, Joplin Jaycees, Joplin City Council and its Parks and Recreation and Zoning and Planning Boards, Calvary Baptist Church and its Executive Board, Elks Lodge, Missouri Life Underwriters, Sons of the American Legion, Joplin Chamber of Commerce, and JANICS, a local non-profit internet provider which he founded:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud with profound gratitude Representative Burton's stellar legacy of state governmental service and leadership and to extend to him our very best wishes for continued success in all aspects of endeavor with the loving support of his wife, Jennifer, and their family of six children and four grandchildren; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Honorable Gary L. Burton, retired State Representative from the 128th District.

Offered by _____
Representative Bryan Stevenson
District No. 128

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 34, adopted January 13, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker